

I understand a need in a limited basis for Stays and waivers of license for those that need to operate during emergencies such as Katrina 2005

As some one that was in the field at Bell Chase NAS working alongside the US Coast guard to relay emergency evacuation requests direct to the Coast Guard, I know the urgent help that was in need.

However blanket waivers and stays and the allowance of operators to operate outside of their present license class can lead to a cluttered emergency frequency where no traffic can get thru

Just because some one has the experience on 2 meters does not imply they will have what is needed to pass traffic reliably on H.F. or visa versa

Please just do not automatically do Stays and Waivers because of a disaster Evaluate each on a case by case basis possibly thru an internet database of questions and answers and a score result rendering an automated review With a pass or fail directing to the waiver or Stay

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